

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 480

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A RESOLUTION designating April 29 of each year as "Dale Earnhardt Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, NASCAR racing legend Dale Earnhardt was born on April 29, 1951; and

WHEREAS, with 76 victories during his career, including seven Winston Cup Championships, four IROC Championships, 10 wins at Talladega Superspeedway, and 34 wins at Daytona International Speedway, Dale Earnhardt was truly the face of NASCAR, inspiring fans throughout Tennessee and the nation with his skill on the track; and

WHEREAS, known as the "The Intimidator," Dale Earnhardt, at the wheel of the #3 car, created a legacy in Tennessee by amassing so many wins. His first career Winston Cup win came on April 1, 1979, at Bristol Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt changed the sport of racing, bridging past, present, and future generations of fans by upholding the finest NASCAR traditions while remaining a cutting-edge competitor throughout the entirety of his career; and

WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt's tragic death on February 18, 2001, deeply touched countless people, and the loss of this great icon of auto racing and his presence at Bristol and at tracks across the country will be missed for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate April 29 of each year as "Dale Earnhardt Day" in the State of Tennessee and encourage all citizens to remember Dale Earnhardt on the occasion of his birthday for his passion for racing, his devotion to his family and fans, and his countless contributions to the racing industry in Tennessee and throughout the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.